SENATE BILL 596 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-414, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The prohibition of subsection (a) does not apply to official motor vehicles of a municipal police department being operated by reserve or auxiliary police officers duly authorized by the police chief and qualified pursuant to title 38, chapter 8. Such reserve or auxiliary officers operating departmental vehicles shall be in uniform and carry appropriate identification issued by the police chief. The provisions of this subsection apply only in municipalities having reserve or auxiliary police officers, which lie within a county having a population of not less than three hundred eighty-two thousand (382,000) nor more than three hundred eighty-two thousand one hundred (382,100), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.